

Ultimate Kitchens

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Designer Fu-Tung Cheng, founder of award-winning Cheng Design, was ahead of his time in 1985 when he used concrete to renovate a home because the client had a modest budget. Surprisingly tactile with an earthy feel, concrete can be cast or shaped, with textures and patinas as nice as wood or tile.

With years of experience as a cook, Cheng uses his intimate knowledge of the kitchen to strategize design. He believes cooking connects people in an emotional way, as does design. "Cooking is really close to me; my experiences have definitely influenced my work. I know what things a cook may want at hand and I know the limitations... you work with that, and the design sculpts itself by the very nature of it."

To see more of Cheng's work, go to www.chengdesign.com; look for his upcoming book: *Concrete Countertops: Design, Forms, and Finishes for the New Kitchen and Bath*, to be released February 2005.

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The Details:

Refrigerator/Freezer: Sub-Zero with freezer drawers.

Cooktop: Gaggenau including electric grill, gas wok, deep fryer with accompanying ventilation hood.

Oven: Kupperbusch

Warming Drawers: Miele

Additional Appliances: Sub-Zero wine cooler; Kitchen Maid ice maker and trash compactor; Miele espresso machine and dishwasher; KitchenAid microwave.

Ventilation Hood: Tidan model by Cheng Design, with Thermador remote blower and Gaggenau downdraft ventilation.

Sinks/Faucets: Custom-tiled concrete trough sink with integrated drain board and slide tray for cutting board by Cheng Design. Kohler stainless sinks; Duravit faucets. Custom stainless steel dish rack by Alan Sklansky.

Countertop: Geocrete concrete featuring custom cutting board and metal rails; stainless steel; and honed black granite by Cheng Design.